

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A single ~~I/O~~ computer USB interface ~~to a first host computer of a first star network~~ comprising:
a USB root hub host port ~~of the first host computer~~; and
a USB peripheral port wherein the USB peripheral port and the USB root hub host port are both active at the same time, wherein the USB root hub host port and the USB peripheral port are defined using predetermined signals.

Please cancel claim 2.

2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously presented) The interface of claim 1 wherein two connected devices utilizing the single I/O interface can have a peer-to-peer connection via the host port and peripheral port.
4. (Previously presented) The interface of claim 1 wherein two connected devices utilizing the single I/O interface can have a one-to-many relationship via either the host port and/or the peripheral port.
5. (Original) The interface of claim 1 wherein a device only needs one physical

I/O port via the connector.

6. (Original) The interface of claim 1 wherein the predetermined signals comprise host differential data lines and peripheral differential data lines.

7. (Currently amended) A USB network comprising:
a first device; the first device including a single computer USB I/O interface ~~to a host computer of a first star network~~, the interface including a USB root hub host port of the first host computer; and a USB peripheral port ~~to a second host computer of a second star network~~, wherein the USB root hub host port and the USB peripheral port are defined using predetermined signals; and

a second device for communicating with the first device, the second device using the predetermined signals, wherein the USB peripheral port and the USB root hub host port are both active at the same time.

8. (Original) The USB network of claim 7 wherein the predetermined signals are within a standard.

9. (Original) The USB network of claim 8 wherein the standard comprises the universal serial bus (USB) standard.

10. (Original) The USB network of claim 9 wherein the first and second devices can be any of a camera, computer, personal digital assistant, laptop device, handheld device, printer, and cellular telephone.

11. (Original) The USB network of claim 7 wherein the predetermined signals comprise host differential data lines and peripheral differential data lines.

12. (Currently amended) A device comprising:
a processor; and
a single ~~I/O computer~~ USB interface ~~to a first host computer of a first star network coupled to the processor, the interface comprising a USB root hub host port of the first host computer; and a USB peripheral port to a second host computer of a second star network,~~
wherein the USB root hub host port and the USB peripheral port are defined using predetermined signals and wherein the USB peripheral port and the USB root hub host port are both active at the same time.

13. (Currently amended) The device of claim 12 wherein the single ~~I/O computer~~ USB interface requires a connection to only one physical I/O port if the device is coupled to a device with a connector that includes a USB host port and a USB peripheral port which are defined using the predetermined signals.

14. (Original) The device of claim 12 wherein the predetermined signals comprise host differential data lines and peripheral differential data lines.